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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011 TO ALL READERS!!
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01/01/2011: Fred IK7JWX (SSB), Vincenzo I7PXV (SSB and CW) and Mike IK7FPX (SSB) will operate as IO7DAI from the Abbeys of Lecce and its Province, in the region of Puglia, between 1st January and 31st March 2011. QSL via IK7JWX, bureau preferred. Information on the Italian Abbeys Award (Diploma delle Abbazie Italiane) can be found at www.aribusto.it/dai_rules.htm [425 DX News]

01/01/2011: Alex Turkeev, RD1AV (ex RV1ZC) is heading to Antarctica and will be active as RI1ANC from Vostok station (AA U-10, WAP RUS-13, IOTA AN-016) throughout 2011. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands, 160 and 80 metres included. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

01/01/2011: Katsumi, JS1OHI will be active as T88KO from the Republic of Palau (IOTA OC-009) on 1-2 January 2011. QRV on 40/17/15/6 metre SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

02/01/2011: The 3D2RB team will be back on Denarau Island (IOTA OC-016) and QRV on 2nd January at approx 0600 UTC until 5th January at 1100 UTC when they will then QRT. They arrive in Finland on Jan 7, 2011. Denarau Island is a small island in Fiji, and the name of the resort area on the island. It is connected by a short causeway to Viti Levu and is 20 minutes drive from Nadi International Airport. [dx-world.net]

02/01/2011: Pete, K8PGJ will be active as ZF2PG from Grand Cayman Island (IOTA NA-016, WLOTA 1042) on 2-9 January 2011. When he is not scuba diving, Pete will be working DX. While on the beach, he will be running with a battery pack and thus portable with an elevated 20m vertical dipole wire antenna with two or maybe 4 counterpoise. Pete is also going to borrow some other fixed antennas so he will be able to work 40, 20 and 15 metres. On 20 metres, watch around 14200 and 14250 kHz. QSL via his home callsign. [dx-world.net]

04/01/2011: Nao, JK1FNL will be active from the Maldive Islands (IOTA AS-013) as 8Q7FF on 4-9th January 2011. QRV on 160-6m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

05/01/2011: Jacques F6HMJ will be 3B8/F6HMJ from Mauritius Island (IOTA AF-049, WLOTA 0595) between 5th January and 21st February 2011, except from 11-20th January when he will go to Rodriguez Island (IOTA AF-017, WLOTA 4265, WFF 3BFF-004) as 3B9/F6HMJ. He will be active on all bands on CW, SSB and may be RTTY. QSL via F6HMJ. [F6AJA]

06/01/2011: A very large team of operators from 15 nations will be active from four operating sites with eleven transceivers (four each for CW and SSB, plus two on digital modes and one for 6m, 2m, 70cm and 23cm) and a wide range of antennas (yagis, verticals and 4-squares) from Thitu Island [Pagasa

in Filipino] (AS-051), Spratly Islands. Activity will take place between 6 January and 1 February 2011. Further information and updates can be found at: www.dx0dx.net/ [425 DX News]

06/01/2011: Shane, VK4KHZ is expected to be active as H44DA from Vavaya Ridge, Honiara, on Guadalcanal Island (IOTA OC-047, WLOTA 0086, Grid Loc. QI90) on 6-18th January 2011. QRV holiday style primarily on 6 metres on a daily basis, subject to favourable conditions, but he will also do some activity on the HF bands as time permits. He will use a Yaesu FT847 with a 500 watt amp into a 3 element yagi for HF and 3 element yagi for 6m. QSL via VK4KHZ. [OPDX Bulletin]

07/01/2011: Cezar, VE3LYC and Johan, PA3EXX will attempt a very challenging expedition to Wollaston Islands (IOTA SA-031) and Diego Ramirez Islands (IOTA SA-097) between approximately 7th-22nd January 2011. In demand by 98% of IOTA chasers, SA-031 currently ranks #6 on the Most Wanted IOTA list World Wide and #1 in South America, whereas SA-097 has never been activated. The plan is to operate for 4 days from Herschel Island (IOTA SA-031) and Gonzalo Island (IOTA SA-097). However, weather and sea conditions can influence significantly this schedule. The team has retained for this trip the services of Thomas, an experienced skipper, with his 40 ft yacht, well equiped for Antarctic waters. Callsigns: CE9/VE3LYC and CE9/PA3EXX. QSL ALL QSOs via VE3LYC, direct or bureau. Further information can be found on their website at: CE9iota.weebly.com/ [VE3LYC]

07/01/2011: Operators Alan VK3XPD, Kevin VK4UH and Mike VK3KH, will once again be active from Norfolk Island (IOTA OC-005, WLOTA 1469) as VK9NA from 7-21 January. This is the same group that did a VHF, UHF and Microwave DXpedition earlier in 2010. More details are forthcoming, so look for details and updates at: www.vk9na.com/index.html [OPDX Bulletin]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

22/01/2011: Mats, SM6LRR will be active holiday and semi-holiday style as 4S7LRG from Sri Lanka (IOTA AS-003, WLOTA 0762) between 22nd January and 4th February 2011. He will focus on 160-80-40 metres. Possible serious participation in CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (28-30th January), provided that permits for a specific good TB location is received. Focus will be to give North America a new one on 160m. QSL via SM6LRR, direct (QRZ.com) or bureau. [NG3K]

26/01/2011: Tony, N3ME (8P9ME) and Bernie, W3UR (8P9UR) will be operating from the Cave Bay area (WW Loc. GK03GD), St. Philip Parish, island of Barbados (IOTA NA-021, WLOTA 0999), between 26th January and 14th February 2011. QRV on the HF bands using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via home calls either direct, to the (W3) bureau or LoTW. [dx-world.net]

28/01/2011: Daniil, UT5EO will be active from Obcha, Georgia, as 4L0A during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (28-30th January 2011), as a Single-Op/High-Power entry in CQ Zone 21. QSL via LoTW. [NG3K]

01/02/2011: To celebrate the 2011 Canada Games in Nova Scotia, Canada, amateur radio operators in the Provice of Nova Scotia will be permitted to use special prefixes CJ1 and CK1 during the entire month of February 2011. VA1 stations will be allowed to use the special prefix CJ1, while VE1 stations will use the special prefix CK1. QSL via the operators' instuctions. [RAC]

03/02/2011: Randy, W6SJ will operate as C6AWS from Grand Bahama Island (IOTA NA-080, WLOTA 0527) on 3-9th February 2011. Holiday style operation, when not fishing, and will do the WARC bands when possible. QSL to home call. [NG3K]

16/02/2011: Will, AA4NC plans to be active as V31RR from Placencia, Belize, between 16th and 23rd February 2011. His main focus will be on the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20 February) as a Single-Op entry. Outside the contest look for Will to be QRV on all HF bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct to AI4U, and/or to LoTW. (No bureau QSLs). [NG3K]

16/02/2011: John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from his new Calypso Bay, island of St. Kitts (IOTA NA-104, WW Loc. FK87PG) vacation home, with full view of Caribbean, between 16th February and 30th March 2011. QRV on 80-6 metre SSB, including both the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (5-6 March) and CQWW WPX SSB Contest (26-27th March), both Single-Op/All-Band. Equipment will be TS-590S, KL-400 Amplifier (400 Watts) and Multiband Dipoles. XYL Cathy (W5HAM) will also operate occasionally as V4/W5HAM. All QSL's via W5JON. [NG3K]

19/02/2011: Ron, VE3AT will use the special callsign VC3E during the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20th February 2011) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest (5-6th March 2011). Expect Ron to be a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in both contests. QSL VC3E via VE3AT, direct (QRZ.com) or bureau. [RAC]

11/06/2011: Look for Andy, N8OFS to be active during the ARRL June VHF Contest (11-12th June 2011) as N8OFS/p. This will be a Tri-Park, 1 USi, and 1 Lighthouse expedition. His first stop, on 11th June, will be Catawba Island State Park (USi OH016L, Grid Loc. EN81, Ottawa county, P.O.T.A. reference pending), Ohio, from 1800z-2400z (possily to 0100z on 12th June). The second stop on 12th June will be East Harbor State Park (Grid Loc. EN81, Ottawa county, P.O.T.A. reference pending), Ohio, from around 1200z-1700z. Andy will make his third stop on 12th June at the Marblehead Lighthouse State Park, which counts for Marblehead Lighthouse, line of sight rule (ARLHS USA-472, Grid Loc. EN81, Ottawa county, P.O.T.A. reference pending), Ohio, from 1800z-2400z. 6 Metres only, 50.225 USB (but he could end up Park & Call anywhere from 50.210-50.260 MHz). 90 Watts from the always reliable TS-60 to 29.4 ft of LMR-400 to the PAR OA-50 @ 17 ft. QSL via home call, direct (see QRZ.com). [N8OFS]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/01/2011: Special event station PS150PLM will be aired from 1-30th January 2011 to celebrate the 150th anniversary/birthday of the Brazilian scientist, inventor and radio pioneer, Roberto Landell de Moura. QRV on 40/20/15/10 metre SSB and eventually CW. QSL via PS7AB, direct or bureau. Note: All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Further information at QRZ.com under the callsign PS150PLM. [OPDX Bulletin]

01/01/2011: The Coventry Amateur Radio Society will be operating GB4BLC from the QTH of G8GMU during the month of January 2011. The home of G8GMU is open to the public, promoting amateur radio and Lions Clubs International. The official opening by the Mayor of Nuneaton & Bedworth, Councillor Don Navarro, will take place on 2 January. Greetings messages will be exchanged on 80m SSB, using 3.650MHz as there is no GB2RS news on this day. QSL via the RSGB bureau. Further information from G8GMU by e-mail to brleanfreenetname [dot] co [dot] uk [GB2RS

01/01/2011: The International Short Wave League (ISWL) will be celebrating 65 years of service to Licensed Amateurs and Short Wave Listeners during 2011. The callsign GB65ISWL will be active from several locations throughout the year. The QSL Manager is Herbie G6XOU. QSL Cards will be returned on a QSLR basis. All logs will automatically be uploaded to eQSL.cc. GB65ISWL will be QRV on 1st and 2nd of January, on 80, 40, 30, and 20m, both SSB and PSK. Also on the higher bands if they are open. Herbie is a keen PSK Operator and GB65ISWL is EPC number: #12810. ISWL info at: www.iswl.org.uk/ . This callsign can be claimed for the ISWL Monitor award. More information from Pete's-DX-Newsdesk shortly. www.dx-newsdesk.co.uk/ [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

01/01/2011: The ISWL Club Callsign's in use during January 2011 will be: GX4BJC /A - Operated from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, by Herbie - G6XOU. (ISWL Council Member & QSL Bureau Manager) (/A WAB Square = TM22 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA = LH-1841). NOTE: Look out for Herbie on PSK31.
MX1SWL /A - Operated /A from Stratton, near Bude in Cornwall, by Mike - M0SMJ. (WAB Square = SS20 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA = LH-1841).
The ISWL's WAB Book numbers are: 16316 and 16724.
(WAB Info: www.worked-all-britain.org.uk/)
The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/
NO LOTW.
ISWL Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details.
eQSL.cc cards ARE accepted for our awards. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

01/01/2011: From 1st of January, 2011 till 31st of December, 2011 a group of Hungarian radioamateurs from J?noshalma, Hungary, will use the special callsign HG200LST. This special event is to commemorate the 200th anniversary of birth of the genius composer, virtuoso pianist, piano teacher Liszt Ferenc (Franz Liszt) (1811-1886). QSL via HA5GY. [HA0HW]

01/01/2011: Special station IA7MM will be active throughout 2011 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Italian Navy. QSL via IZ7AUH. Further information at: ia7mm.iz7auh.net/ [425 DX News]

01/01/2011: Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy, three special callsigns will be used throughout 2011 by members of ARI Torino (II1ITA), ARI Firenze (II5ITA) and ARI Rome (II0ITA). All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Details on the event and the special edition of the Diploma dell'Unit? d'Italia (Italian Unification Award) can be found at: www.dui150.it/ [425 DX News]

01/01/2011: Special event stations 8N3K and 8N3U will be active between 1 January and 6 November 2011 to celebrate the 2011 National Cultural Festival (or Kokumin Bunka Sai) in Kyoto City (JCC 2201), Kansai region, Kyoto prefecture, island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSLs will automatically be sent via the bureau to all contacts made. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/01/2011: Fred, PA0FAW (ISWL PA-11092, EPC #13860) will be QRV as PA65ISWL to open the ISWL's 65th year from 1st-28th January 2011. Expect activity on all the HF bands. NOTE: Both calls can be claimed for the ISWL Monitor award. QSL via PA0FAW. More information from Pete's-DX-Newsdesk shortly. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

01/01/2011: VERON Section 54 (Etten-Leur) celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2011 and a number of special prefixed callsigns will be in use between 1st January through 31st December 2011: PA30ATG (QSL via PA0ATG), PA30BR (PA1BR), PA30CPA (PA1CPA), PA30CVD (PA2CVD), PA30DD (PA9DD), PA30EBP

(PA3EBP), PA30GBI (PA3GBI), PA30JSB (PA5JSB), PA30LOU (PA0LOU), PD30GWF (PD1GWF), PH30B (PH1B) PI30ETL (PI4ETL club station, QSL via PA1CPA). Details on the relevant award can be found at: a54.veron.nl/award [425 DX News]

01/01/2011: Members of the Papakura Radio Club (ZL1VK), NZART Branch 65, Papakura, South Auckland district, New Zealand (IOTA OC-036, WLOTA 0069), will activate the special event callsign ZL50VK between 1 January and 31 March 2011. Activity is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club. Look for logs to be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. QSL via ZL1VK. Website: www.qsl.net/zl1vk/ [OPDX Bulletin]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

30/12-8/1/11 JD1BMH: Chichi Shima WLOTA:2269 QSL Buro
01/01-06/11 8N3K: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/01-06/11 8N3U: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/01-31/01 GB4BLC: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL RSGB Buro
01/01-31/03 ZL50VK: New Zealand (N. Island) WLOTA:0069 QSL ZL1VK (d)
02/01-09/01 ZF2PG: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL K8PGJ (d/b)
05/01-21/02 3B8/F6HMJ: Mauritius Island WLOTA:0595 QSL HC (d/b)
06/01-18/01 H44DA: Guadalcanal Island WLOTA:0086 QSL VK4KHZ (d)

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COUNTY HUNTING (USA-CA) -

NM2L - Greg - Dec. 31, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2010 - SSB and CW
Starting about 1300z - GA: Walton, Newton, Morgan, Putnam, Baldwin, Johnson, Wilkinson, Jones, Jasper, Newton and Walton. This is a day trip and I have to be back in time to take my XYL to dinner. I am going to try and do some SSB as time permits especially in Johnson, but in others if possible if someone hears me. My SSB signal is a bit puny I think. Run order: 40CW, 40SSB, 80CW, 30CW, 20CW, 17CW, 20SSB. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

NX4C - Wesley - Jan 5, 2011 to Jan 5, 2011 - SSB and CW
First short trip of the New Year in Tennessee. Planning on going to the following counties - TN: Roane, Cumberlain, White, Van Buren, Bledsoe, Rhea and Meigs. TN---Last counties please email your phone number and I will call when I get to your county. Will not run CW in all counties--send CW request via email (nx4c [at] knology [dot] net) and I will run CW for your county. Plan on working 20 and 40 metres. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

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6 METRES & UP -

30/12-8/1/11 JD1BMH: Chichijima Island AS-031 satellites QSL Buro
01/01-31/01 Ross Hull Memorial VHF/UHF All modes/6m&Up 01 0000z-31 2400z
01/01 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 144MHz 1400z-1659z
01/01 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 432MHz 1700z-1759z
01/01-04/01 Russian Winter MS Contest 144MHz 01 1500z-04 0459z
04/01 RSGB 144MHz UKAC 2000z-2230z
04/01 MOON Contest 144MHz 1900z-2100z
06/01-01/02 DX0DX: Thitu Island AS-051 Grid:OJ58 6m-23cm QSL QRZ.com
06/01-18/01 H44DA: Guadalcanal Island OC-047 Grid:QI90 6&2m QSL VK4KHZ (d)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 30 December 2010)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

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QSL INFORMATION -

Online logsearch for the recent VP8DMH/p Fossil Bluff operation can be found at: clarkema.org/vp8dmh/

QSLs via Bureau: 3B8/SP2FUD, 5R8FU, 9J2FM, A62ER, AP2TN, B4B, BA5BAP, FH/DJ7RJ, GU?SUP, H4?FN, H7/IV3IYH, HC8GR, HH4/K4QD, HR9/IK2QPR, HZ1PS, J2?SE, J28JA, J28KR, J37K, J39BS, J6/W0SA, JD1BIE, JD1BMM, P29VCX, PJ5/K1XM, SV9AHZ, TY1MS, TZ6EI, V21ZG, V63PR and XU7KOH.

QSLs via Direct: 7Z1TT (NI5DX), C91JR (GI4FUM), CY?X (VE3IKV), HL5FUA (QRZ.com), PJ2/K8LEE (hc), PJ2/W1NG (hc), PJ2/WI9WI (hc), PJ4B (PA8A), PJ4D (W3HNK), PJ4LS (QRZ.com), PJ5/AA4NC (hc), PJ5/AH6HY (hc), PJ5/K1XM (hc), PJ6A (OQRS/N4NX), PJ7E (OQRS), R1ANH [Russkaya Base] (RN1ON) and VP2ETN (JN1RVS).

QSLs via LoTW: 3W6C, 9G5XA, A45WD, AU8JCB, C6AUM, CW5W, D4C, DL4UL, E4X, EA3JW, EA5BZ, ER5DX, EW1DO, GI4EBS, I4IKW, IV3RAV, J28AA, KH6MB, LU3JVO, LY1???X, LY2OX, LY6A, N2MM, OH7MA, OZ4VV, P4?W, RZ6HWA, S57YX, SN?HQ, SN9U, ST2AR, TM?R, UA3DPM, US3QQ, VA3MO, VA7ST and VP2E/K1XM.

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LINKS -

IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) at: www.sota.org.uk/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: wff44.com/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/

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BITS & PIECES -

AXEL TIGERSTEDT, OH5NW SILENT KEY
Written by Martti Laine, OH2BH

Axel had just passed his 80th birthday and was ready for another Christmas. But it did not happen - time was up for Axel. No more OH5NW. Axel got his license as early as 1950 and soon turned out to be a leading OH station on the the air. His 1957 win in the CQWW Phone Contest gave him the first ever OH World top honors from this Northern soil. With that spirit Axel set a course for youngsters to follow, and in the Sixties he spelled out another target to push his multi-multi team to heights never seen before. They competed locally but suddenly saw their country dominating the multi-multi world for several years as OH2AM and OH5SM.
It was during those other years that Finland began to stand tall in contesting. Axel made all DXCC countries and his legendary rhombics were a treat to see. His house was always open to visiting hams.
Axel also served for fifteen years as President of SRAL - the Finnish Amateur Radio League - and, at the same time, he was cited as a highly recognized resource in IARU Region 1. (Note by PB2T: OH5NW was IARU Region 1 Treasurer 1972-1975)
Many hams from far and near have visited Arboretum Mustila which is today world famous as a unique area of exotic conifer species and introduced horticultural plants in all of Scandinavia. Axel, OH5NW together with his brother Peter, OH5NQ have been at the helm of this national treasure which is worth visiting today. There, nature lives in harmony with huge antenna

towers! You may want to study the life and work of the late Axel, OH5NW on the Web at www.mustila.com/index2.htm
The folks in OH pause this Christmas to pay tribute to another powerhouse of Finland, Axel, OH5NW and share these sad moments with the ham family of Carola, OH5SM and Peter, OH5NQ. Axel's signal has faded away. [IARU Region 1.org]

Diego, LU8DIP/Z is currently active from the Teniente de Navio Juan Camara Base [Navy] (WAP ARG-16, WW Loc. GC07BJ), on Half Moon Island, South Shetland Islands (IOTA AN-010). More info to follow.. [dx-world.net]

The 3D2RB team is now on Drawaqa Island. No radios there. They will be back on Denarau Island (IOTA OC-016) and QRV on 2nd January at approx 0600 UTC until 5th January at 1100 UTC, when they will then QRT. They arrive in Finland on Jan 7, 2011. [dx-world.net]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
Join ICPO e-Group: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo
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North American Checkpoint For:
World Lighthouses On The Air - WLOTA
www.wlota.com/
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Lighthouse Diplom - TWLHD/TWLHF
www.9a7k.com/
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www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html
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wff44.com/
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